Mueller Systems Enables Utilities to Remotely Connect and Disconnect Water Services With Mobile RDM

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CLEVELAND, N.C., Aug. 20, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Mueller Systems has expanded the capabilities of its fully integrated remote disconnect meter (RDM)—the 420 RDM—with Mobile RDM—a standalone software that enables utility workers to remotely connect and disconnect water services from the safety of their vehicles. Mueller Systems is a leading provider of innovative water infrastructure products and services and technologically advanced metering systems for water and electric systems.

"By enabling utility workers to connect and disconnect water services from their vehicles, Mobile RDM should help utilities to improve employee safety, customer service and operational efficiency," said Hassan Ali, Vice President and General Manager of Mueller Systems. "The launch of Mobile RDM continues our focus on helping utilities to improve operational efficiencies and customer service by integrating data management into water infrastructure and providing the tools needed to accurately and efficiently manage metering systems."

Mobile RDM, which uses advanced satellite mapping software to assist meter readers with their routes, can be installed on any laptop with a connection to a maintenance radio or an optional GPS device. While parked within 2000 feet of a service connection that is fitted with a 420 RDM, utility workers can use the maintenance radio or GPS device to send a high frequency radio signal directly to the Mi.Node transceiver, prompting the RDM valve to turn on or shut off service for the account—without requiring advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) or automated meter reading (AMR).

Mobile RDM confirms to the worker that the signal has been sent by the Mi.Node. Once water service has been turned on or shut off by the RDM, the Mi.Node transmitter sends a signal back to the maintenance radio, which then provides confirmation that the process is complete.

Mueller Systems is a subsidiary of Mueller Water Products, Inc. (NYSE:MWA), a leading North American manufacturer and marketer of products and services that are used in the transmission, distribution and measurement of water. Mueller Systems offers a full line of residential, fire line and commercial meters, AMI and AMR systems and related products that optimize the delivery and use of water and energy.

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Undue reliance should not be placed on any forward-looking statements. We do not have any intention or obligation to update forward-looking statements except as required by law.

About Mueller Systems

Mueller Systems offers a full line of residential, fire line and commercial meters, AMR / AMI systems and related products. Mueller Systems provides Smart Metering solutions to optimize the delivery and use of water and energy. Municipalities that supply water, electricity or gas—or any combination of the three services—need innovative ways to increase efficiencies, reduce costs, conserve water and energy, and improve customer service. The Mi.Net™ Mueller Infrastructure Network for Utilities from Mueller Systems meets that need. For more information about Mueller Systems, please visit the Company's website at www.muellersystems.com.

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Mueller Water Products, Inc. (NYSE:MWA) is a leading manufacturer and marketer of products and services used in the transmission, distribution and measurement of water. Our broad product portfolio includes engineered valves, fire hydrants, metering products and systems, leak detection and pipe condition assessment. We help municipalities increase operational efficiencies, improve customer service and prioritize capital spending, demonstrating why Mueller Water Products is Where Intelligence Meets Infrastructure™. The piping component systems produced by Anvil help build connections that last in commercial, industrial and oil & gas applications. Visit us at www.muellerwaterproducts.com.

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